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SUBJ: KUBISCH-DE LA FLOR MEMCON: CUBA

1. DE LA FLOR ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN USG POLICY TOWARD CUBA. MR. KUBISCH SAID THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE USG POSITION, AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE MAJORITY OF OAS MEMBERS WHO FAVOR CONTINUATION OF THE OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NOT OBSERVED ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN THE CASTRO REGIME' POLICIES.

2 DE LA FLOR SAID THAT THE GOP WOULD LIKE TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF CUBA, ARGUING THAT CUBA IS NOT EXPORTING REVOLUTION AND THAT HE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY SO ASSURED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. MR. KUBISCH ASKED ABOUT CUBA'S ROLE IN CHILE DURING THE ALLENDE REGIME, AND DE LA FLOR ANSWERED THAT THE CUBANS WERE DIRECTLY ATTACKED BY THE FORCES OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WHICH OVERTHREW ALLENDE, INCLUDING FIRING ON THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO AND ON A CUBAN VESSEL DEPARTING A CHILEAN PORT. HE SAID THAT IN ANY CASE THE CUBANS WERE PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN CHILE WITH THE FULL CONSENT OF THE ALLENDE REGIME.

3. DE LA FLOR COMPARED THE CUBANS' PRESENCE IN CHILE WITH THE INTERVENTION OF THE U.S. IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM WITH THE CONSENT OF THOSE TWO HOST GOVERNMENTS. MR. KUBISCH SAID THAT THE CUBANS' ROLE IN CHILE WAS NOT AT ALL COMPARABLE
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TO THE U.S. ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. DE LA FLOR SAID THAT HE WAS NOT DEFENDING CUBAN ACTIONS, BUT THAT HE WAS RATHER COMMENTING THAT IT SEEMS TO HIM UNJUST THAT CUBA HAS BEEN KEPT ISOLATED FROM HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS FOR SO MANY YEARS.

HE INDICATED HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE CUBA SITUATION
PRIVATELY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MEXICO.
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